

Group I, including claims 1-7 and 11, drawn to a DNA molecule, a vector, a host cell, and a method for producing a polypeptide;

Group II, including claims 8-10, drawn to the MORT-1 protein;

Group III, including claims 12-13, insofar as they are drawn to a method for increasing the FAS-R ligand effect on cells carrying a FAS-R; and

Group IV, including claims 12-13, insofar as they are drawn to a method for decreasing the FAS-R ligand effect on cells carrying a FAS-R.

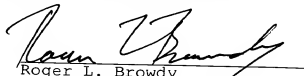
Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-7 and 11. The non-elected claims 8-10, 12 and 13 have now been deleted without prejudice toward the continuation of prosecution thereof in one or more divisional applications.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the claims now present in the case is earnestly solicited.

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